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If our friends who fpror us with many ve rejected articles returned they must TELEPHONE, BEEKMAN 2200.

On Going It Alone in the White House.

At his last regular meeting with the newspaper men in Washington the President of the United States, according to the correspondent of our neighbor the Tribune, "roundly criticised the attitude of the press generally toward international matters." The President is represented as intimating also that "much of the objectionable speculation was malicious. If so it was more than foolish, it was unfortunate, he said."

As here reported the grounds of the President's criticism of the newspapers do not clearly appear, and any comment upon his attitude must be made subject to possible future explanations and explanations of explanations. It is not the first time, however, that a disposition has been shown in that quarter to use the word "unpatriotic" somewhat peremp-

The principal criticism in this country of Mr. Wilson's note of December 18 to the belligerents has concerned the passage in which he assumed to speak with authority both for the Government and for the people of the United States with regard to the future participation of the republic in a league to enforce peace and guarantee boundaries the world

"In the measures to be taken to secure the future peace of the world the people and Government of the United States are as vitally and as directly interested as the Governments now at war. Their interest, moreover, in the means to be adopted to relieve the smaller and weaker peoples of the world of the peril of wrong and violence is as quick and ardent as that of any other people or Government. They stand ready, and even eager, to cooperate in the accomplishment of these ends when the war is over with every influence and resource

Thus Mr. Wilson undertook to declare an entirely new national policy as to interference in foreign politics. roe Doctrine and proclaim its intended abandonment both as to the Eastern Hemisphere and as to the Western. He undertook to pledge the United States to go to the limit of its moral influence and its physical resources in cooperation with the European Powers in policing the world and protecting the smaller and weaker nations. All this was of his individual manufacture. He thought it out with his own brain, wrote it out with his own fingers on his own without further authority from any out before us. responsible quarter sent it forth to the world in the name of the Government and people of the United States.

1. As to the Government: The thing that President Wilson promised in the name of the Government can be done only by the joint action of the Executive and of the Senate; and in the Senate, only by a twothirds vote. The attempt by Mr. through distance, to be an indorsement or at least a quasi-approval of the President's extraordinary pro posal, failed utterly last week. It is charitable to suppose that chagrin and humiliation over this failure may have something to do with the acerbity of Mr. Wilson's remarks concerning the "unpatriotic" attitude of the newspapers.

2. As to the people: When the President pledged the people of the United States to the abandonment of the Monroe Doctrine his assumption of authority was as gratuitous as found at that time." when he spoke in behalf of the Government. He has no right to promise anything in the name of the people ulation of over 4,000 people, with a unsatisfactory recruiting, economic unless he has ascertained the popular nearby country and mining popula- confusion and equipment shortcomopinion; and in the case of the pro- tion of about 4,000 more people who ings if the act had been a year old, posed abandonment of the Monroe Doctrine as the traditional and controlling article of the nation's policy there had been no such expression of the people's will as to warrant even a President in speaking as he did.

Now that the process of ascertaining the actual state of public opinion | the fourth whereas: on this question has been started by THE SUN and other newspapers, and the facts of the case have been illustrated by the debute in the Senate last week, the glaring nature of the President's unwarranted assumption

becomes apparent. It will not surprise those who have

psychology that he should be able to discover a lack of patriotism in the attitude of the press toward his note of December 18. The simple truth is midst over which Old Glory waves enthat he has been going it alone too fast and too far and has now heard both from the Government and from the people.

The Fish Eyed Army.

Chief Magistrate McApoo drew strong if incomplete picture in a speech last Sunday:

"There is an army of slab sided, round shouldered, fishy eyed men in this city, their fingers stained with nicotine, aimless, starting from anywhere and going nowhere, open to any crime and a dangerous menace to the community. They sponge on their mothers or sisters, spending their time in idleness."

Mr. McApoo might have added that these disgusting animals are to be found in groups at night in the most frequented streets; that they obstruct traffic, insult women and foul the air with their selves and their language. Those who have observed them will echo the wish expressed by the Chief Magistrate:

"Talk about universal training. should like to be a sergeant with eight stripes and have 200 of them down on Long Island for drill. I'd get something out of them or make life miser able for them."

The bitterest thing about the voluneer system is that, in case of war, the fish eyed army would remain at home. Until universal training comes the loungers will receive no discipline unless it is applied by the single day told of the discovery underground tity of locust timber, seasoned by a century in water, the ideal material for nightsticks. Police Commissioner Woops knows the value of locust medicine, administered nightly at the able results

The Drys' Victory.

The decision of the Supreme Court be summed up in the words of Chief Justice WHITE, who says:

"We can have no doubt that Congress has complete authority to prevent paralyzing of State authority. Congress ex. practicable. After that it would erted a power to coordinate the national with the State authority."

The coordination is made complete and completely effective in regard to the liquor traffic, so that henceforth the people of a State adopting problbition may make it certain that not only they but the strangers within the committee in writing that they their gates will be dry. Although would not reenlist. It learned that the State law may not impose any re- 65 per cent. of the Guardsmen of striction upon personal use of liquor whom inquiry was made had to part it will be impossible to get it.

consideration cause them to abate tion made by Congress and aid extheir efforts to secure the adoption of | tended by relief societies. an amendment to the Federal Consti- It is true that patriotic employers,

A Town That Needs a Census Every Day or Two.

In its assaults on Pork, The Sux had occasion to mention an item in the Pork bill appropriating \$40,000 double pay list, or to carry on their for a post office at Hazard, a town in the post office and the tone that the to do the normal peace conditions that post of the hazard peace conditions that peace to determ and only in the content peace of the hazard peace conditions that peace to the torm and the post of the normal peace conditions that peace to determ and only in the following duels and feuds.

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The one has s Perry county, southeastern Kentucky. short, the National Guard scheme of When we gave the population of defence was economically unsound Hazard as 537, the number credited to because, while more than an adeit by the Census of 1910, little did we quate number of unmarried men of realize that a metropolis may be made little economic value were available, in six years. But we see it now, with men with family and business responsome mail, hot from Hazard's present sibilities were called to the colors and and in those at peace, is making mighty private and personal typewriter, and post office (rent \$250 a year), spread compelled to serve.

which charges us with nothing worse training, recruiting failed to bring by the non-alcoholic generations of than gigantic misrepresentation and the Guard up to war strength, the de- the future will find, because of their monumental ignorance, and look at a ficiency being 114,000. Therefore the devotion to the water wagon, less diffipicture postcard sent by J. B. Hoge, committee believes that the complepresident of the Hazard Commercial ment of 400,000 enlisted men and 17. Club. It shows Hazard nestling in a 000 officers, as provided for in the curve of a river, the Kentucky, we national defence act, is visionary, think. There are mountains far and As to equipment, the National Guard near and a lot of nice looking but could not get together its peace sadly modern buildings. Elsewhere strength supply, and the Federal Gov-Wilson and his friends to put through the Senate a form of resolution which on the card is shown the main street on the Senate a form of resolution which of Hazard. Six humans are in view the senate a form of resolution which of Hazard. Six humans are in view the senate of the sena and not one is shooting at another. A buggy stands in front of a store that State organizations, proved to be untaineer has driven in from Sassafras prepared for active service. Backfor an ice cream sods. As if the post- wardness in training of commands on card were not enough to convince us the border was unavoidable, because that we had wronged Hazard, Mr. 63 per cent, of the Guard consisted Hoge sends a copy of some resolu- of untrained men (recruits) "three tions adopted by the Commercial Club. | months after the call." In a letter be admits that the popula- It is significant that National came here when there were 538 peo- answered the question declared with ple." The town had begun to grow, almost unanimity for universal trainfor that was one person more than ing as the only solution of the probthe census taker discovered. "But lem of preparedness. It matters attle

> assert that Hazard now has "a pop- that there would have been the same natronize the Hazard post office di- because the mistake of divided conrect." Also, the coal industry goes trol still persisted in spite of what was apace and one of the chief objects called federalization. The only conof the proposed public building is clusion is that if the country will not "to house a mine rescue station." spend enormous sums to keep up a But the most interesting reason why large regular army and provide the

great newspapers to providing for the versal training. public defence, they forget that in case of attack on New York city by an enemy they would be eagerly calling, for the defence of their fortifications, these 100 much of a parrot. hardy Kentucky mountain men, famed in every war of our country for their

made a special study of Mr. Wilson's daring, their cunning and their excep- Uncle Sam dredging way down upon tional marksmanship-these men whose patriotism would naturally be fired brighter by having a building in our couragingly every day of the year. Men from the county and county west whose names memorialize the hero of the famous battle of Lake Erie-Commodore Day. OLIVER HAZARD PERRY-named for him by Kentucky mountain men who were with him in his daring battle and glorious victory, and loved him as a kindred

> That argument, we grant, is just as hunters that Government buildings will improve community architecture. There is nothing like a Gothic granite obliged to shift to the Ningara. As for calling on Kentuckians to defend our fortifications, of course we should, taineer with a turkey riffe, leaning He Undid Me. on the battlements of Fort Wadsworth, could pot an invader twenty miles away.

Our heart goes out to Hazard, with her 4,000 or 8,000 people. Perhaps by the next mail she will have 20,000. downtown post office.

The Mayor's Committee on the

National Defence. We should like to see the report and woman who can read and of every youth old enough to understand power that exists. The Sun of Sun- it. For general distribution it should be translated to instruct aliens who in lower Manhattan of a great quan- have not learned the English language. It leaves no doubt of the necessity of universal military trainng. The committee, composed of haunts of the loungers, just as he and on border service and report upon knows how truly Mr. McApoo has its qualifications for the first line snoken. He has a year at least to of defence. The decision is adverse effect the cure, and it would add fully confirming the judgment of Genmuch credit to a police administra- eral Scott, Chief of the General Staff, tion already distinguished for remark- and of General William A. Mann. Chief of the Militia Bureau, that the Guard would not be a dependable military force in an emergency.

The conclusions of the committee sustaining the Webb-Kenyon law may are especially valuable because New York Guardsmen themselves, as well as their employers in civil life, are quoted to show that a federalized seem superfluous to deal with the juestion of the Guard's value as a military force expected to do battle with an enemy's first line troops invading the country. Eighty-four per cent, of 707 Guardsmen whose enlistment terms were expiring informed with their regular pay or salary on Such a condition of affairs should entering the Federal service, and satisfy the most ardent advocates of many lost their positions. In a con-fine hustings sound, but it would posttotal abstinence. If they have or can siderable number of cases those deget the votes they can make locally pendent upon Guardsmen suffered effective a prohibitory law. Will this privations, in spite of an appropria-

tution making the whole country dry? including many corporations, kept the but other employers refused to nnswer the committee's inquiries. There were cases, no doubt, of employers

Coming to the military aspects of Let us lay aside the Hazard Herald, the experiment of mobilization and efficiency must be suppressed. Possi-

there are now few relics of what we that the National Defence act was new when mobilization became neces-The resolutions, in the whereases, sary. We agree with the committee Hazard should get the \$40,000, is in structure of a great volunteer organization, then the country, if unwilling "And whereas in the reference of these to be defenceless, must adopt uni-

> The Administration sadly reflects that the dove of peace is sumetimes

There is increasing opposition to

the Suwanee River. A great many people will find the Supreme Court decision dry reading.

Mr. ARNOLD BENNETT may now write an essay on "How to Live on Twentyfour Hours and Twenty-five Cents a

It appears that no Federal building authorized by the proposed public building bill could be erected before 1920, and that 269 buildings previously authorized by Congress have yet to be constructed. But the advocates of good as the plea of the Florida pork, pork are understood to argue that as the Government has been building at the rate of a post office every four days, the supply of projects on hand would last only 1,076 days, and that post office to make corpuscies shout. for ten whole days or so at the close If Pegny had had one on board the of 1919 no Government building would Lawrence he never would have been be going up anywhere throughout the length and breadth of the country.

So far, OLIVER OSBORNE'S Story com for everybody knows that a mounEVERRET HALE'S "My Double and How

Nobody loves the sagebrush, yet mebody is always trying to uplift This is a difficult task since its antecedents are so bad. Nevada complained a long time because she was called the "Sagebrush State"; hunters Let her look to future needs and urge hated the plant because of the bitter Representative Languey to get the flavor it imparted to the grouse; pros-Government to send her New York's pectors, settlers, stockmen despised it because it encumbered the earth. It was fit only for rattlesnakes to coil in and strike or for coyotes to blend their tawny skins into vanishment. Not long ago an Oregon man cried

'eureka." He said that sagebrush was best road building material in the Mayor's Committee on National the West. Now Idaho claims in the Defence in the hands of every man despised weed a source of great wealth and the solution of the problem of potash shortage. "The average acre produces three tons

of sagebrush at a cost of \$25. The sage brush burned in the kiln gives from 25 to 30 per cent. potash. The supply is inexhaustible." The Idaho poet, who called for estival "to lift the curse from the

plant we know so well and should civilians, was directed to study the love," may now consider himself even National Guard in mobilization camp with those who jeered and refused to foregather with him. The police diet squad is game to th

core. It professes complete gusto with coffee, but in the hour of release will not a rush be made for indigestible sausage and buckwheat cakes or chop like a small ham?

introduced a joint resolution propos-States Supreme Court the right to declare an act of Congress unconstituthat he is an "advocate of cloture. National Guard is economically im- rural credits, short ballot, preferential gateway amendments," inconspicuous enough to escape Mr.

King CONSTANTINE has received read card and another ultimatum. and let him have it punched at proper

If Germany is in earnest for peace, let eral Sir SAM HUGHES. History records no such offer of Sir Sam's method has a

In this State 313,583 persons owned automobiles last year, and any pedestrian will confess that in the tweive months he had to dodge every one of

pone peace indefinitely.

army and navy for this country.

The United States Supreme Court has given King Alcohol a body blow. Prohibition, both in countries at war strides toward ultimate domination of the earth because mankind has decreed that anything that militates against culty in overcoming the three great foes to progress, namely, disease, poverty and war, than we and our an cestors have experienced.

Turkish tobacco has gone up, and still there is no peace.

Mr. Lawson's antics indicate that he knows just how far he can go with that kind of investigation.

The indictment of THAW may be a rainbow in a sky that recently been dark for a certain type of law-

They pick out policemen, not farm-

The last survivor of the Charge of tion of Hazard once was small; "I Guardsmen as well as employers who the Light Brigade is dead again, this time in Maryland.

Tom would make!

A Georgia Warning. From the Atlanta Enterprise.
The next cow of mine that's killed by outermobile won't die siene. I've ju bought a new shotgun

The capital all through this week Will be agog about that leak, Sherlocks in squads will peer and peek. Witnesses will say it's Greek. Some folks that now most loudly shrick Will die down to the faintest squeak, Politicians astute will seek
To put the onus on some geek
That roosts on tother side the creek; No one will turn the other cheek, Scapegoats as usual won't be meek. Some say the thing is due to pique. That fouted ones are out to wreak Vengeance; some say a rellow streak Others assert a certain clique Others, the whole thing is a freak

Late styles in scandals politique: ir superheated and notsome ake NATIONAL PROHIBITION.

Discussion of the Power of Congress to Enact It.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Mr William West is singularly confused on constitutional matters. Of course if the people adopt an amendment to our Constitution authorizing the Congress to legislate on the liquor traffic it will have Yearsley and Mr. West are both wrong that power; otherwise it will not, Antislavery action was a war measure! taken by the Executive; when the Congress took up the matter after the war first step was to submit to the people the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments, which gave it the or relaxation that results from its use power to not

Section 8 of Article I., the so-called 'general welfare' clause, confers only the "power" of taxation; the words that West quotes do not give the Congress "power," but are a limitation of the power of taxation. The question is Jacob M. Dickinnot even discussable. son, in an address before the American Bar Association, referred to Mr. West's view as a "barbarous evisceration" of the clause. Of course if the Congress has "power" to do anything which it conceives to be for the "general welfare" of the United States the rest of the Constitution is surplusage; but the rule is, as stated fully in United States versus Hodges that the Tenth Amendment is still in full force and vigor, and that the "powers" not granted to the still reserved to the States, or to the hibited from doing so, principally

Mr. West is right to read and study the Constitution of the United States, but he must do so not to find support for any particular view he may entertain. lect the decisions of the Supreme Court "Hamlet."

Whether any purely political body so if it has not in good faith the power as the signals from this station are under its organic law. That it has heard over practically the entire United not this power now is admitted by the States. agitation to confer it by constitutional

to take a drink was a Territory of the United States. over which they exercised proprietary State the United States law became in more persons can "listen in" at the would spread over the North Ameri- such a form of the effective. I understand that Utah has same time, thus making such an event can continent and that he believed he dation for a cartoon, of which anti-polygamy laws as effective as the of great benefit to the people all over was then standing not many miles were many at the time. Maine prohibition legislation

T. J. JOHNSTON New York, January 6.

Senator Owen of Oklahoma, who has Relation of Congress to States and to Territories.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Mr stitutional power to declare State liquor licenses a nulsance and to overthrow on a wave length not exceeding 2,500 ballot, initiative and referendum and Stare judgment, argues that Congress meters. has such power, and cites what its author takes to be historical precedents to and carry out a plan of this kind it will prove his contention.

The first illustration cited by Mr. West is far astray. He says, "Congrees overthrew State judgment in 1865 by passing the anti-slavery amendpent," and later he reiterates this state Congress did not pass the antiment. slavery amendment, as it had no power to do so. It passed a joint resolution submitting the amendment to the States for ratification, but it was three-fourths of the States that passed the amendment along constitutional lines. The present Congress has before it a like resolu-tion for the prohibition of the traffic in alcoholic beverages, but it will require the action of thirty-six States to write this into the Constitution

Again, he says, "Congress overthrew the Territorial judgment of Utah by passing the Edmunds bill against polygright to enact any law governing the

Form is correct there should be no lating that Congress shall have power the difference in wages paid here and difficulty in providing a sufficient to provide for the general welfare of abroad. Broadly speaking, prices of all was not a matter of dry conversation tary would not be just the United States, Mr. West argues that commodities the world over are based between these two men who were under this provision "Congress has power upon the cost of production plus a reading to take large views of world ordered a category to the cost of production plus a reading to take large views of world ordered a category to the cost of production plus a reading to take large views of world ordered a category to the cost of production plus a reading to take large views of world ordered a category to the cost of production plus a reading to take large views of world ordered a category to the cost of production plus a reading to take large views of world ordered a category to the cost of production plus a reading to take large views of world ordered a category to the cost of production plus a reading to take large views of world ordered a category to the cost of production plus a reading to take large views of world ordered a category to the cost of production plus a reading to take large views of world ordered a category to the cost of production plus a reading to take large views of world ordered a category to the cost of production plus a reading to take large views of world ordered a category to the cost of production plus a reading to take large views of world ordered a category to the cost of production plus a reading to place an effectual embargo upon any sonable profit for the capital employed; politics. business adjudged to be inimical to the and so the American manufacturer's general welfare." The application of price is greater than the price of an and left for St. Petersburg early in this argument would depend entirely identical foreign made commodity only October, 1866. He enjoyed in a high instructions were recommon upon the viewpoint of the Congress and to the extent that the American cost degree the confidence of our Governiantic calle from Si of public opinion as to what would be exceeds the foreign cost of production, ment and returned home promising "adjudged" to be inimical to the general. It is obvious therefore that unless there his best exertions to promote good "adjudged" to be infinited to the general, welfare. In my opinion, and doubtless be an import duty sufficient to cover the opinion of Mr. West, alcohol as a beyerage ought to be classed with other. American market will be supplied by habit forming drugs, the use of which the products of foreign capital and labor pany had expired and also its charter is inimical to the general welfare, and to the exclusion of our own.

traffic, but undoubtedly any attempt by the Congress to prohibit the sale of liquor in sovereign States would be resented in the present state of public Perhaps the Sherman Law Will Preopinion. The only undisputed way for coercing any sovereign State in such a manner is therefore by constitutional

tionize gambling or polygamy." This insomnia, into a bashful seclusion, is merely play on the word "option." prohibition and is so interpreted by the from sordid commercialism and there liquor traffic, as proved by the desperate are enough who remember the exquisite the Hudson Ray Company This lease can conceived. Dittared efforts they are making to prevent the pleasure, when at public dinners, of pires in June next, and the President of completed in so with enactment of such laws in the States seeing "the morning steal upon the they have been in correspondence with the of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New night" to the accompaniment of melo-York. A local option law simply gives dious uplift poured from some pearly o the people of the municipality the throat, to block these powers of evil shall be granted. There is no more to exhort Diana to shoot a dart into "option" in this than there is in a THE SUN, lest it advocate more frightmovement for statewide or national fulness and suggest to the Boston popuprohibition, as under civil government, lace that it combine and conspire to 004 470 where the people rule, the majority al- abolish the Ancient and Honorable Arways has the option to repeal the action tillery Company. of a previous majority. Twenty-three States have enacted statewide prohibition laws and in twenty of them these laws came by the local option route, or, otherwise expressed, by progressive

The contention of Mr. West about ethics would indicate that ethics has geographical boundaries; that it is immoral for the people of a municipality o have the power to regulate their own

correct for the people of the State to do so. This is, of course, absurd.

Editor American Issue. NEWARK, N. J., January 6.

Facetions Definition of the Objects of Legislation.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: MI as to what Congress could or should do to smite the rum demon. All that is necessary in order to establish a perpetual area of drought is that Cons should enact a law providing that the desire for liquor and the stimulation shall be forever abolished. This would immediately destroy the entire liquor traffic by cutting off the demand and would so change human nature that the coarse persons who now guzzle beer would find their highest enjoyment in foaming beakers of sarsaparilla.

New York, January 6. MR. WILSON'S SPEECH

THE WIRELESS WAVES? Plea That Radio Operators May Hear the Address at the Induction. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The inauguration of the President is an

event of national interest. During each inauguration period there are thousands who are eager to see and United States by the Constitution are to hear the President but who are proaccount of the distance from and the expense to be incurred in travelling to

the capital. Thousands of these people could enjoy this treat through the agency of the but to ascertain its meaning. To neg- radio telephone through the cooperation of the Government officers in charge of the United States construing that the radio service. A transmitter or a from series of transmitters could be arranged in front of and just above the head of the President that would catch and ought to legislate on strictly "moral" transmit his every word to the power-issues is at least debatable, but it is not ful radio station at Arlington, Va., there debatable that it has no business to do to be retransmitted by radio telephone,

At the present time there are Governamendment. To urge the Congress to act ment, commercial and amateur stations without authority is as "immoral" as in the United States capable of receiving this wireless speech that run The action in Utah was proper. Utah the thousands, to say nothing of the numerous vessels within range on the sea. Hundreds of these stations are

Notices and instructions for land stations could be published in the daily Power. Then he said: "I now turn to paragraph: newspapers during the three days preat sea and for remote land stations the at St. Petersburg, making his forts Arlington radio station could transmit and harbors, but I can only say: Go these instructions immediately following on, Russian: Build up your forts and the weather reports given each night by harbors. You are only doing for my West's letter, which-discusses especially them at 10 o'clock. To be of benefit to country, for the civilization of the ional, has said in a sketch of himself the question whether Congress has con- the greatest number of people the radio United States shall yet extend to the telephone address should be transmitted

> If the proper officers will authorize be received with great enthusiasm by wireless station

W. HAROLD WARREN . MITTER PARK, N. J., January 9.

FAIR NOTICE.

What We Have to Expect From Abroad After the War.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: You editorial article "Fair Notice" should be pasted in the hat of every man engaged manufacture, whether employer or employee, whose years of unsophisticahind him.

enforced by the superadmirable Secretary Redfield, ask for bids for woollen In 1904 at St. Louis I was told by an goods and other manufactured supplies old friend and neighbor of the Secrefor the equipment of our new navy, the tary in Auburn, N. Y., who remained Congress had an undisputed disparity in prices between foreign and for two days extra at the fair to join domestic bids would be quite as great in the Alaska day exercises on Octo- Secretary, turning at I am strenuously opposed to any kind of military service, believing that it is fostered by the same class who in ear-tuitonal situation of a sovereign State the past and will be true in the future floated over the building, that in vacables when world manufacture has returned tions the Minister and the Secretary Frederick, you notify to the normal peace conditions that present was true in rowed from the war Department to the peace and will be true in the future floated over the building, that in vacables when world manufacture has returned to the normal peace conditions that present was true in floated over the building, that in vacables when world manufacture has returned to the normal peace conditions that present was true in floated over the building, that in vacables when world manufacture has returned to the normal peace conditions that present was true in floated over the building, that in vacables when world manufacture has returned to the normal peace conditions that present was true in floated over the building, that in vacables when world manufacture has returned to the normal peace conditions that present was true in floated over the building, that in vacables when world manufacture has returned to the normal peace conditions that present was true in floated over the building, that in vacables in section of the state of the floated over the building. The peace of the state is the peace over the building that in vacables when world manufacture has returned to the normal peace conditions that present was true in floated over the building. The state is the peace over the building that in vacables when world manufacture has returned to the normal peace conditions that present was true in the floated over the building. The peace over the building that in vacables when world manufacture has returned to the floated over the building that in vacables when we have the peace over the building that in vacables when we have the peace over the building that in vacables when we have the peace over the peace over t there is a wide difference in the consti- This is true of the present, was true in rowed from the War Department Minister, if you get

The "shell" incident is an object les- as far as Mount St. Elias had terought to be prohibited. Unfortunately, bowever, both the nation and many sov- son in free trade. The Underwood tariff, minated. In view of the failure of the

NEW YORK, January 9.

POST-PRANDIAL PABULUM. vent Restraint of Oratorical Trade.

amendment, three-fourths of the States read your edit tal article "The Farm- our treaty marked upon it. He told artist, He settled the having absolute power to write into the ers Capture a State" with mingled feel-basic law of the land, the Federal Con-ings of pain and sorrow; pain to see sion. In view of the following letter frame hanging on the basic law of the land, the Federal Constitution, an amendment exterminating the traffic in alcoholic beverages, and this will undoubtedly be done in the near future.

Mr. West lugs in the question of local many constitution of after dinner speeches; sorting the stands are done in the properties of the city of New York conspire and combine for the labolition of after dinner speeches; sorting the land of the following letter frame langing on the form Mr. Clay, our Minister at St. from Mr. Clay, our Mini option by making the following state- row to think that such a combination of questions were under the considera- many as an impact of ment: "Local option as applied to liquor evil may drive the stimulators of wit tion of the parties so immediately ceived, initiated, present has no base in ethics; as well local op- and humor, the curers of dyspepsia and concerned; But then it is time for action, not

It must be stopped, even if we have

JAMES D. DEWELL, Jr. New Haven, Conn., January 8.

Big Things Coming Up in Missouri. From the Cass County Leader.

The Missouri Horticultural Society has named the wild crabapple blossom as ing General Assembly will be asked to take

liquor problem, but it would be entirely FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ALASKA TREATY WITH RUSSIA.

Former Governor John G. Brady Recites a Familiar Chapter of History With Interesting Addition of Details Not So Well Known.

At noon of March 30, 1917, fifty | Hudson Bay Company about a recent years will have passed since President Andrew Johnson sent a message to the United States Senate announcing that a treaty had been negotiated My opinion is that if he can g with the Czar of Russia for all his possessions on the North American

continent, or Russian America. As one Senator came into the cloak room a little late he was accosted by a baron had gone on his vi colleague who said: "Well, what do 1866, or if you think Old Andy has sprung upon immediately upon his return us this morning? It is the most unheard of thing yet, the purchase of ter of Russian America! I shought we dated March 23 indisting would have a chance to whack him wording and meaning of again but this is something new"

There can be no doubt that this was price. a surprise measure in statesmanship. Senator Sumner was a William Henry Seward, Secretary of the Committee on Foreign State of the United States, was the eminent actor. Perhaps none of our an important office he a statesmen before or since him stands out so prominently as a political and the party which had ele-prophet. This side of his character to office were in active an prophet. developed and became noted in the over questions of reconstr controversies over slavery before the later Summer was a pronoun civil war; so much so that some of his utterances became political ship- Many of the Republican leads boleths, as for instance "irrepressible Congress felt sore toward Sexual . conflict." No doubt he was in political remaining in Johnson's Cabinet, the parlance the "logical candidate" in the giving the Administration strengt convention at Chicago in 1860. But Horace Greeley, who sat in the con- partment wanted no quarrel with Sam vention as a delegate from Oregon, with a combination of his opponents terms with him. For the prevailed and Seward was defeated. He did not sulk in his tent but labored | the Assistant Secretary, Frederick for the election of Lincoln.

As he stood upon the stens of the old State House in St. Paul and know- possible. A few years ugo 1 visited ing that within the years of his own Mr. Frederick W. Seward at life he could look back to the time Montrose on the Hudson when there were but eighteen States that when Mr. Sumner was prepare in the Union, and standing now by his great speech to be delivered the Father of Waters in the midst of executive session in favor of ratify the continent where were many more the treaty he discussed with t sections awaiting organization into ator what name should be given to the statehood an afflatus possessed him purchase. The Senator contended to and he delivered one of the most re- Aliaska as given in Cook, but Sewari markable passages in our political knowing that annals. It was to the effect that our Alaska, urged that Allaska became a so arranged that from two to ten or system of confederation of States used, for the comic papers we away from the spot which is destined to become the capital of this mighty course he the northwest and behold the Russian. inauguration, and for ships the representative of the civilization Northwest."

Seward then, there in St. Paul in own history it will be September of 1860, had in mind the The name should Russian and his possessions in the itself. It should northwest of the continent, and he expressed his belief that it would in time become the possession of the United States and of the civilization which gstor, to whom I ha would spread over the Northwest. A seed so potent would be sure to spring the forth and bear fruit when the right influences were brought to play. One word used originally and one make two. Mr. Seward had ers when speaking been in Washington city much, for he had passed a term as a Senator from

The Russian Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States was Edward de Stoeckl. ion, whatever his age, are not yet be. He was in office for years and appears. Russian Minister, who fell to have been a likable man. Between these two men an acquaintance had tate found Mr. Seward grown to a warm personal friendship. ber 18 when the real Alaska flag bor-

The baron had a leave of absence to the Hudson Bay Company to trade was deemed worthy of however, both the nation and many soyhowever, both the nine months preceding the Eupropean war, was an object lesson in
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That the baron's influence was en- listening Senator Sa ergetic and effective may be inferred erick W. Seward atfrom the fact that when he was leave gether in one corner ing to return to his post in February, Some our suggested 1867, the Archduke Constantine, the Johnson should also be brother and chief adviser of the Czar, but strong objection w To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: I handed him a map with the lines of was finally left to the dioncerned: pleted without loss a The Russian Government has sixedy tended by protocols

practice local option means local for despair. Fifth avenue was saved for a term of years and the Russel Ameri. The Senate of th the Russo-American Company tells me that out professors of the

TRADE BRIEFS.

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yeles into India has been prolifiled. If it The leather industry of Switzerland will farmer he hereafter under the control of the three proughing erament. Maximum prices will be fixed ment consider supplies and methods of transleg will. It need to e regulated.

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It would appear that a des ington, for we have a recorthe Secretary to and adding \$200,000 to the

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